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Chairman Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman:

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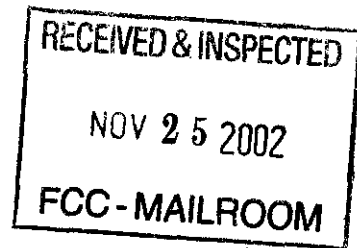
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Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
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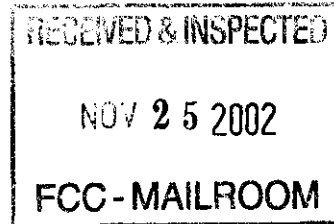
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Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Federal Communications Commission
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